(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps proposed to be provided in the revised scheme to make it patient friendly especially for senior citizens who require constant quality medical attention and care at the declining stage of their life; and

(d) whether the revised scheme would be applicable to the sitting and former Members of Parliament also and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) No, Sir. The Planning Commission in its report on Mid-Term appraisal of Tenth Five Year Plan has given recommendations to restructure, reform and rejuvenate CGHS. It has, *inter-alia* suggested that the Central Government employees may be gradually shifted to a system of Health Insurance through which they may access CGHS or any Health care provider. A high powered Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri P.K. Kaul, former Cabinet Secretary to review the functioning the CGHS and for giving recommendations for making it more user friendly.

Reviving MBBS Curriculum

401. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to include some traditional Indian practices like Naturopathy and Ayurveda in the MBBS programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;

(c) whether the practitioners of modern medicine have reacted favourably to the proposed measure;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, their viewpoint and Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) The Government of India have asked the Medical Council of India to consider the inclusion

of the basic principles and concepts of Ayurveda, Homeopathy, Siddha and Yoga in the course contents of MBBS to sensitize the students about the principles and concepts of Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy while pursuing the MBBS course. The response of Medical Council of India is awaited.

New hospital in Arunachal Pradesh

†402. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that former Deputy Prime Minister had announced to set up a 500 bed hospital in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned, so far, for this scheme; and

(c) by when the said scheme is going to be completed and the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of Arunachal Pradesh has informed that a project report has been submitted to the Ministry of DoNER for setting up of a 500 bed hospital at Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh, the Ministry of DoNER has informed that the comments of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Urban Development (UD) and the Planning Commission (PC) were sought. The comments received from MoHFW, UD and PC were conveyed to the Government of Arunachal Pradesh *vide* their letters dated 18.03.2004,7.05.2004 and 28.07.2004 respectively for clarifications and revising the Detailed Project Report. The Government of Arunachal Pradesh has informed that they are preparing a revised Detailed Project Report for forwarding the same to Ministry of DoNER for necessary funding.

Failure of National Rural Health Mission

403. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Rural Health Mission has failed to achieve its target of selecting and training the social health activists;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.